

**FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

October 20, 2005

**Employment Development Department
722 Capitol Mall
Auditorium – 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairman Reiner called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Rob Reiner, Chairman
Alice Walker Duff
Sandra Gutierrez
Louis Vismara

Commissioners Absent: Elizabeth Rice Grossman
Eliseo Medina

Ex-Officio Commissioners Present: Joe Munso
Scott Himmelstein

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Chairman Reiner asked if there was a motion to approve the July 21, 2005 Commission minutes. Commissioner Gutierrez asked for an amendment to the motion on Item 8 – KCEd™ “A Place of Our Own” and “Los Niños en Su Casa.” She stated that the motion should have included outreach to parents and public education. She stated that the actual motion was more of a change in direction to include outreach and programs for parents.

Emily Nahat, Deputy Director for Program Management, responded to Commissioner Gutierrez’s request to amend the motion. She suggested the motion include a statement that the target audiences for the program are parents, Family, Friend and Neighbor child caregivers and licensed early childhood caregivers. Commissioner Gutierrez agreed with the suggestion proposed by Emily Nahat along with the clarification about the change in direction to target parents.

Commissioner Vismara had a question about the brochure “Healthy Teeth Begin at Birth.” He asked if the brochure should state that healthy teeth begin prenatally. Barbara Marquez, Program Management Office, stated that there are plans for future brochures to include prenatal considerations and pregnant women. She also stated that this brochure targeted parents who already have a child.

ACTION: Chairman Reiner moved that the Commission approve the July 21, 2005 Commission meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 4 – Chairman’s Report

Chairman Reiner congratulated First 5 Sacramento for their role in helping Sacramento garner the prestigious 100 Best Communities for Young People award. He noted that the award from America’s Promise Alliance, recognizes communities for their commitment to provide healthy, safe and caring environments for children and young people. He also noted that the Alliance is the pro-youth group founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Other winners include Solano and San Mateo Counties and the cities of Chino, Irvine, Long Beach and San Jose. Local First 5 Commissions were a driving force in several of the awards.

Chairman Reiner announced that following the Commission meeting a press event would be held to highlight some of the key findings from the Kindergarten Entry Profile/School Readiness Survey as well as to announce Preschool For All (PFA) Demonstration Project recipients. Chairman Reiner noted that the press event would be held at the Hiram Johnson Parent Education Center at 3535 65th Street in Sacramento. He welcomed and encouraged the audience to attend the press event.

Chairman Reiner also reported on the following:

First 5 California Web site and The Power of Preschool Web site – Chairman Reiner reported that under the First 5 California public relations contract with Rogers and Associates, efforts have begun to upgrade the First 5 California Web site and to develop a second Web site, The Power of Preschool. The Web site is expected to be up and running in November. The Commission’s goal is to have it ready for the launch of our new TV ads, so interested viewers can access additional information about preschool and First 5 programs and services. Chairman Reiner commented that he was not involved with the media subcommittee in their review of PFA ads. He also noted that First 5 California new preschool ads would begin airing next month.

Univision Segments – In Los Angeles a segment that focused on the importance of health as a key factor to ensure children enter school ready to learn was produced. The segment included a doctor and Elisa Bupara, Director of Communications, highlighting First 5 messages. The segment aired September 19th. In Sacramento a news segment on childhood obesity and nutrition in partnership with the California Latino 5-a-Day Campaign was produced. Ms. Elisa Bupara served as First 5 spokesperson. In Fresno a segment featuring Fresno’s Healthy Kids program is being developed and it will air on Univision in Fresno.

Univision Partnership – Rogers and Associates met with the general managers of Univision in Sacramento and San Diego to explore the possibility of establishing partnerships in these regions. These partnerships have been confirmed and they are both going to be airing First 5 news segments.

Media Technical Assistance for County Commissions – Chairman Reiner reported that staff worked with First 5 Sacramento to provide media assistance for their annual Children's Celebration. Staff was able to secure placement of PSAs at all the local Spanish-language radio stations. In San Bernardino staff provided media relations support for the Commission's Make a Difference Day to get volunteers in the community. Staff was also able to secure PSA placement at Spanish-language stations, which are going to air throughout the month. In San Francisco staff provided media assistance for San Francisco's Preschool for All efforts and worked with Univision, Telemundo and La Opinion on follow-up stories. In Santa Barbara staff provided media relations support for Santa Barbara Commission's Baby Safety Month efforts and secured PSA placement at seven Spanish-language radio stations. In Orange County, the Orange County Children and Families Commission launched their new Health and Dental Center in Garden Grove. Staff provided assistance and more than 13 media outlets attended the event resulting in print, television and radio stories in numerous languages, including Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Tagalog.

Los Angeles Universal Preschool – Chairman Reiner participated in a major media event earlier this month to mark the opening of the 100th preschool by First 5 Los Angeles Universal Preschool Program (LAUP). The event was attended by Mayor Villaraigosa, Fabian Nunez, Speaker of the Assembly, and numerous other dignitaries. By the end of the year LAUP will have served 5000 children.

Chairman Reiner also reported that he spoke at the African American Summit on Preschool for All in Los Angeles and that Commissioner Walker Duff was also in attendance. The event was sponsored by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Director's Report

Kris Perry, Executive Director, First 5 California Children & Families Commission, reported that this was her second report to the Commission. She also noted that she has been on the job for 3 months and will make a quarterly report at the Commission meetings reporting on the following areas:

- Organizational Development
- Finance and Administration
- Program and Technical Assistance
- Research and Evaluation
- Legislation and Advocacy
- Media and Communications
- County-State Partnerships

Ms. Perry reported activities on the following:

Organizational Development – Ms. Perry reported that she has developed a reorganization plan, which includes a few new positions to build capacity in fiscal monitoring of program

expenditures, strategic planning, and fiscal leveraging. The proposed plan is currently under review by the Department of General Services. If approved the final plan will be presented to the Commission at the January meeting. Ms. Perry stated that she believes this reorganized structure will enhance staff effectiveness in strategic planning, fiscal leveraging and projections, legislation and government affairs, and technical assistance and communication. Roberta Peck will assume a new position as manager of the Commission's PFA Initiative.

Finance and Administration – The Commission's audit has been completed and staff is now focused on working with the First 5 Association of California, Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the State Controller's Office to implement AB 109 (Chan) and SB 35 (Florez).

Program and Technical Assistance – Staff was asked to research the possibility of selling the Kit for New Parents. Staff has found that the potential benefits are outweighed by the possible loss of federal Title 9 funds if the Kits are sold.

The Commission received 46 Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) applications, all of which will be funded. Nine counties added a degree track and 24 added both a degree track and a professional development track. The program will result in a total local match of nearly \$90 million over 3 years.

The first round of Preschool for All matching grants has been awarded and the School Readiness programs re-application process has begun with regional meetings with county commission staff.

Research and Evaluation – The Request for Proposal (RFP) is in development for the next statewide evaluation contract and is based on the new evaluation framework adopted by the Commission at its July 2005 meeting.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) that is currently available to counties and other partners on our web site is being upgraded and will allow visitors to upload data and map it themselves and will be available when the upgraded web site is launched.

The Commission has released new issue briefs and fact sheets. These will be sent as master hard copies and on CD and can be obtained from the state Commission office. They can be easily copied for local partners, policy-makers, and others.

Legislation and Advocacy – Tina Chiginsky has been hired as a consultant to perform the duties of Chief of Legislation and Governmental Affairs. Ms. Perry introduced Ms. Chiginsky who came to First 5 California from the California Department of Education.

The 2004-2005 legislative session ended on September 9th and the last day for Governor Schwarzenegger to sign or veto bills was October 8th. The Commission will receive an update on two-year bills and newly introduced bills at the January 2006 Commission meeting.

The Commission responded to Hurricane Katrina by sending letters of support to Governor Schwarzenegger, the State Office of Emergency Services, and Los Angeles County.

Media and Communications – A new round of ads on the benefits of preschool will air immediately after the November election and run until approximately January 2006. The preschool ads will have a tag line referring viewers to the Commission’s new Web site “The Power of Preschool.” Print ads will also be released as part of the campaign, describing the importance of family child care in the range of choices available to parents.

The Health and Human Services Agency and the First Lady, who are partners with the Commission on the obesity campaign, have begun to finalize a design for the obesity campaign ads.

Ms. Perry will continue her visits to every region in the state. She is meeting with county First 5 staff, commissioners and local partners.

County and State Partnership – State Commission staff and Association representatives are meeting on a regular basis and are currently involved in implementation of the new statewide evaluation framework, planning for technical assistance, implementation of new legislation, and assisting with the development of the new communications plan.

Commissioner Gutierrez noted the importance of serving parents with the redesigned Web site. Ms. Perry responded by informing Commissioners that the Power of Preschool Web site will have an entirely new section specifically for parents.

Commissioner Vismara stated that he hoped staff would develop a strategy for legislative outreach, including an analysis of relevant legislative committees and stakeholders.

Commissioners also commented on the need for a document that delineates First 5’s accomplishments over the past 6 years.

Marva Lyons, President of the California Association for Family Child Care (CAFCC), and Elda Fonteno, Vice President of CAFCC, expressed enthusiasm about forthcoming ads featuring the important role of home-based child caregivers and want to be involved in the ads.

Item 6 First 5 – Association of California Report

Sherry Novick, Executive Director, First 5 Association of California, reported on the following:

Eleven members of the Association are representatives on the Evaluation Workgroup. They are working intensely with state Commission staff to develop the tools necessary to implement the new reporting system next July. The Association is particularly excited about the aspect of the framework that formalizes a process for County Commissions to share local evaluation results through the Center for Results.

The Association is working with state staff, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the Controller’s Office to ensure thorough and consistent implementation of the new requirements in AB 109 and SB 35.

Several foundations have reached out to the Association to work more closely on health outreach, enrollment, and retention efforts. The Association hopes to collaborate with them and the State Commission to promote statewide learning from the local commission experience.

The Association will reconvene the PFA Learning Community in the coming year. It provides a forum for peer-to-peer learning among local PFA planners and implementers. The Learning Community, which is funded by the Packard Foundation, is intended to complement the State Commission-funded Technical Assistance and will focus on statewide policy issues involved in implementation.

Planning for the 2006 statewide conference is underway. This is the one opportunity for commissioners from across the state to come together to reinforce the cumulative statewide importance of what they are doing locally.

Agenda Item 7 – Revised Meeting Calendar for 2006 (Consent Calendar)

The Commission was presented with a revised meeting calendar for 2006. The proposed dates are as follows:

January 26-27, 2006 – Burbank

March 16, 2006 – Sacramento

May 24-26, 2006** – San Diego

This meeting will be utilized for the Statewide Conference. A State Commission meeting can be scheduled in conjunction with the Statewide Conference, if necessary. Date and location are tentative.

July 20, 2006 – Sacramento

October 19, 2006 – Sacramento

ACTION: Chairman Reiner moved that the Commission approve the revised meeting calendar for 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vismara and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 8 – Annual Review of First 5 California Guidelines (Consent Calendar)

The State Commission was presented with a recommendation following the annual review of the Guidelines by the commission. The Commission approved the recommendation to revise the Guidelines during FY 2005-06 in order to align with the new Evaluation Framework approved at the July 2005 Commission Meeting. The revisions to the document will be presented to the Commission for discussion and approval by October 2006.

ACTION: Chairman Reiner moved that the Commission approve the recommendation to revise the State Guidelines to align with the new Research and Evaluation Framework to be completed by October 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vismara and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 9 – Children and Families Commission of Orange County Financial Agreement (Consent Calendar)

The Commission approved the consent calendar request to continue the agreement with the Children and Families Commission of Orange County as the coordinator for county participation on the fiscal workgroup. Approval of this agreement will add an additional \$50,000 and will extend the existing agreement through June 30, 2006.

ACTION: Commissioner Vismara moved that the Commission approve the request to continue the agreement with the Children and Families Commission of Orange County as coordinator for county participation on the fiscal workgroup, which would continue the joint agreement between the State Commission and the Association for work being done by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for their review and technical assistance of State and County financial and administrative functions. The motion was seconded by Chairman Reiner and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 10 – Kit for New Parents (Consent Calendar)

The Commission approved a motion to authorize staff to select a different baby board book for use in the Kit for New Parents. The purchase terms set by the publisher of the previously selected book did not meet State guidelines. Staff will apply the same criteria that were used for the earlier selection.

ACTION: Chairman Reiner moved that the Commission authorize staff to select a different baby board book for use in the Kit for New Parents, as necessary to meet the State's contract and purchasing standards. Staff will apply the same criteria that were used for the earlier selection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vismara and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 11 –Statewide Annual Conference of County Commissions

First 5 California has funded an annual leadership conference since 1999 to expand the partnership efforts of the State Commission and County Commissions to jointly address emerging opportunities and challenges in working toward the goal of school readiness for every young child.

Chairman Reiner asked that in the future staff provide Commissioners with the agenda for the conference once it is finalized and a report following the conference on the “take away” or benefits to participants of the conference. Commissioner Vismara asked for expanded outreach to advocacy and parents’ organizations to inform them of the conference and to include them as participants. Commissioner Gutierrez agreed and suggested examples such as the California Chapters of the American Medical Association and the Parent Teacher Association.

ACTION: Chairman Reiner moved that the Commission approve up to \$300,000 each year for the annual Statewide Conference of County Commissions starting FY 2005-2006 through FY 2009-2010 (total for four years up to \$1.2 million). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez and was approved by a unanimous of the Commission.

Agenda Item 12 – School Readiness Program Funding

The purpose of the School Readiness (SR) Program is to improve the ability of families, schools, and communities to prepare children to enter school ready to succeed. The SR Program funded a total of 206 local programs over a three-year period. Thirty-four (34) programs were funded in FY 2001-02, 78 in FY 2002-03, and 94 in FY 2003-04. Over half of the children in the communities served by these programs are English learners and approximately 70 percent are from low-income households. As SR Programs were initially approved for funding in 2001, disbursement plans were made to effectively address program financial needs. These plans were made based on the assumption that during each fiscal year, SR programs would spend approximately one quarter of their allocation over the approved four-year program period. In reality, most programs experienced a range of local challenges that resulted in delayed start-ups and related delays in spending their allocations. Consequently, many programs have, in effect, become five to six year programs and will need spending flexibility to complete the first phase of their SR efforts.

The partnership and funding commitments made available through the SR re-application Process will continue the Commission's core investment in SR Programs statewide and support sustained efforts in all 58 California counties. During the first funding phase, SR Programs have developed and implemented services in all 5 Essential and Coordinated Elements through diverse partnerships with parents, local agencies, schools and county offices of education, and community based organizations. Initial process outcomes indicate that the SR Programs are implementing services that target high-priority communities and are on their way to achieving results that impact children's ability to be successful in school. Results from the 2003/04 Kindergarten Entry Profile and preliminary information from the 2004/05 Annual Report were discussed.

The re-application process will include necessary program and policy updates to further improve SR Programs. A particular focus will be on the implementation of the newly approved Statewide Evaluation Framework with assurances of County Commission participation. The input process includes regional meetings with county commission staff to solicit recommendations regarding the re-application process and the supporting concepts and policies as listed below:

- ❑ Continuation of commitment in currently served SR communities
- ❑ Implementation of research and standards based strategies; using logic models to focus program design
- ❑ Integration of First 5 Programs and Projects
- ❑ Provision of stable County allocations
- ❑ Guidelines for use of County Coordination Funds (formerly Implementation Funds)
- ❑ Implementation of the First 5 Financial Management Guide
- ❑ Execution of the Statewide Evaluation Framework with assurances of county commission participation
- ❑ Program implementation on the state fiscal year
- ❑ Annualized reapplication process; one reapplication period per year, for three years

SR Programs will continue to implement the:

- ❑ First 5 California Equity Principles;
- ❑ First 5 California-adapted National Education Goals Panel (NEGP) definition of school readiness; and
- ❑ First 5 Essential and Coordinated Elements (5) of SR: Early Care and Education, Parenting/Family Support, Health and Social Services, School Capacity/Readiness, and Infrastructure/ Evaluation.

After the presentation, discussion ensued around the importance of a strong evaluation model for the SR Program. There was an emphasis on the importance of a longitudinal study in the evaluation model.

Chairman Reiner asked if the re-application request was to sustain the existing SR Programs. Roberta Peck, Administrator for the SR Partnerships Office, said yes.

Chairman Reiner also asked whether or not all 206 local SR Programs operate quality preschools. Ms. Peck responded that all SR Programs operate quality early care and education (ECE) programs for preschoolers; some use home visitation models, others operate preschools, and still others implement community specific ECE activities.

Chairman Reiner went on to emphasize the importance of having a rubric to display evaluation results and successes, with the ultimate goal of compiling a complete picture of what First 5 is doing statewide. He further noted that an evaluation deliverable is critical to First 5's future, especially in these times of declining revenue. Data will be critical as we request funding approval from the State Legislature, as needed, in the future.

Commissioners Vismara and Gutierrez echoed Chairman Reiner's evaluation concerns and the importance of supporting the expenditure of SR Program funds with effective evaluation information. They asked about current evaluation data; e.g., what information do we have about how programs are working and can we draw any conclusions. Patricia Skelton, Director of Evaluation, First 5 California, indicated that preliminary data from fiscal year 2004-05, as well as case studies, would provide some of the information and that the current evaluation is only in its third year of implementation. Some outcome data from fiscal year 2004-05 will be provided during the January 2006 Commission meeting **when Dr. Skelton provides an update to the Commission about the 2004-2005 Annual Report.**

Commissioner Walker-Duff summarized the importance of stabilizing the evaluation process this year and using future years to demonstrate that First 5 is a learning organization that can effectively provide a statewide picture of the impact of School Readiness efforts using reliable evaluation results.

Public comments were received from Donna Spiker, Evaluator, whose remarks focused on the promise that the recently adopted Statewide Evaluation Framework holds, as well as the value of existing data such as the Kindergarten Entry Profile results. Mr. Ruane, President, First 5 Association of California, reinforced the importance of the state-county partnership around school readiness. He stated the difficulties that would be associated with approving a program on a year-by-year basis, particularly as related to the partnerships that County Commissions have forged with school districts that are making commitments to school readiness activities in

four-year increments. Mr. Ruane also congratulated the State Commissioners on the successes SR Programs have achieved. John Sims, Executive Director, First 5 Stanislaus County, and the Evaluation Director, First 5 Kern County, volunteered to share the longitudinal studies they have in place for SR Programs in their respective counties.

ACTION: Commissioner Gutierrez moved that the Commission approve a motion to approve:

- 1) The request to complete spending of the \$206.5 million approved in 2001 in SR Program Matching Funds through Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, and
- 2) The re-application process for new and improved SR Programs and a funding commitment, beginning FY 2006-07, for four additional years of SR Program Matching Funds with spending flexibility through FY 2012-13.

Spending authority of up to \$51.7 million per fiscal year is provided for one year so that State and County Commission staff can provide a matrix of the results for young children and their families that are expected through the implementation of the newly adopted Statewide Evaluation Framework with assurances for County Commission participation and an implementation plan.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Reiner and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 13 – First 5 Preschool for All Demonstration Projects – Second Round

Staff presented the results of the Preschool for All (PFA) Demonstration Project Request for Application (RFA) process. All of the applications represent strong partnerships and heroic local efforts to develop both new and improved preschool programs for California's children. Seven of the ten First 5 County Commissions' applications met the "Review Criteria" and are approved for First 5 California funding. The seven First 5 County Commissions who, together with strong local partners, received First 5 Demonstration Project funding are: Merced, San Joaquin, Ventura, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Yolo.

The Commission approved a second round of funding using the remaining balance for PFA Demonstration Projects to be awarded early next year using the same 14 Quality Criteria. Since the requested amount of First 5 California funds for the approved PFA Demonstration Projects totals approximately \$30 million, a balance of approximately \$60 million remains from the original allocation of \$90 million for Demonstration Projects. The Quality Criteria and funding period (November 2005 to June 2010) will remain the same for both Rounds One and Two. Those Quality Criteria were developed with County Commission staff and partners, beginning in July 2003, and were approved by the State Commission in January 2005. Staff is working with County Commissions that are developing local PFA projects and are participating in the PFA technical assistance opportunities funded by the State Commission.

In addition, the Commission allocated up to \$3 million total over 5 years for technical assistance from the quality set-aside of \$10 million. A proposal will be developed with the First 5 County Commissions participating in the PFA Demonstration Projects and partners such as the California Department of Education (CDE) and the Packard Foundation. Commissioners expressed a need to include a variety of stakeholders, in addition to CDE and the Packard Foundation, specifically focusing on technical assistance to address English learners.

ACTION: Commissioner Duff moved that the Commission approve 1) a second round of First 5 PFA Demonstration Project applications using the RFA with the 14 Quality Review Criteria, guidelines and tools, and review process to award the remaining funds from the \$90 million allocation through 2010; and 2) allocate up to \$3 million over 5 years for technical assistance from the quality set-aside of \$10 million for the PFA Demonstration Projects. The motion was seconded by Chairman Reiner and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 14 – Early Childhood Education for English Learner Children and their Families

This item was not presented due to time constraints. It will be scheduled on the January 26-27, 2006 Commission agenda.

Agenda Item 15 – First 5 California Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) Child Caregiver Project

This item was not presented due to time constraints. It will be scheduled on the January 26-27, 2006 Commission agenda.

Agenda Item 16 – Statewide Integration of Immunization Registries

Funding was awarded to San Diego State University Foundation on behalf of California's Regional Immunization Registries with the California Department of Health Services (DHS) serving as coordinator. It is anticipated that the integrated Statewide Immunization Registry will be fully operational by December 2008. It should be noted that once the registry system becomes fully integrated, DHS' match level for federal funds will be increased another \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually directly as a result of this First 5 investment.

ACTION: Commissioner Gutierrez moved that the Commission approve the proposal to support the statewide integration of the nine regional immunization registries and other large databases in the amount not to exceed \$3.6 million total for approximately a three-year project term. This proposal represents a one-time request from DHS to support the statewide immunization registry. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duff and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 17 – National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) Proposal

The Commission was presented with a proposal from NIEER to have California be part of a Multi-State Preschool Evaluation Study. This project will evaluate the effects of California's state-funded preschool programs on children's short-term cognitive and social growth at the start of Kindergarten. In addition, it will look at quality factors of the state preschool that impact

the children's development. This evaluation is part of a larger, multi-state study of the effects of state preschools. This study will be done in partnership with the Packard Foundation, CDE, and NIEER. There was discussion and questions from the Commissioners about the benefits of this study for First 5. It was pointed out that our SR Initiative and our PFA projects build on many of the local state preschools and it is important they we are building on effective, quality programs. In addition, the study can be expanded to include additional research questions and data collection that will address some very specific questions for First 5 California that support our SR and PFA work.

ACTION: Commissioner Duff moved that the Commission approve funding, up to \$750,000 for one year, to participate in NIEER's Multi-State Preschool Evaluation Study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 18 – Evaluation Framework Consultant Contract (Children and Families Commission of Orange County)

ACTION: Commissioner Gutierrez moved that the Commission approve \$75,000 additional funds to contract with Orange County for 6 months to continue the involvement of county representatives in the Evaluation Workgroup as the Workgroup develops a transition plan for the new Research and Evaluation Framework. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duff and was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Agenda Item 19 – Legislative Update

Char Krantz provided an update on key pieces of legislation that were signed and vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger. She reported that at the close of the 2005 legislative session, Governor Schwarzenegger took action on 961 bills that were sent to him by the Legislature. He signed 729 bills into law, which included AB 109 and SB 35, and he vetoed 232 bills. The Commissioners were provided with a Legislative Summary Report that gave detailed information on the final outcome of all Priority Level 1 and Level 2 bills the Commission has been tracking throughout the legislative session. Commissioner Vismara requested a list of agencies, commissions and legislative committees that effect First 5 at the next Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 20 – Adjournment

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The next scheduled Commission meeting is January 26-27, 2006, at the Hilton Burbank Airport and Convention Center in Burbank.